

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph [0003] with the following amended paragraph:

[0003] This application is also related to U.S. Patent Applications Serial Nos. 10/_____,/695,625, entitled "Apparatus and Method for Storage Processing with Split Data and Control Paths," by Venkat Rangan, Ed McClanahan, Guru Pangal, and Curt Beckmann; 10/_____,/695,407, entitled "Apparatus and Method for Storage Processing Through Scalable Port Processors" by Curt Beckmann, Ed McClanahan, and Guru Pangal; 10/_____,/695,628, entitled "Apparatus and Method for Fibre Channel Data Processing in a Storage Process Device," by Curt Beckmann and Ed McClanahan; 10/_____,/695,626, Entitled "Apparatus and Method for Internet Protocol Data Processing in a Storage Processing Device," by Venkat Rangan and Curt Beckmann; 10/_____,/703,171, entitled "Apparatus and Method for Data Snapshot Processing in a Storage Processing Device," by Venkat Rangan, Anil Goyal, and Ed McClanahan; 10/_____,/695,434, entitled "Apparatus and Method for Data Replication in a Storage Processing Device," by Venkat Rangan, Ed McClanahan, and Michael Schmitz; 10/_____,/695,435, entitled "Apparatus and Method for Data Virtualization in a Storage Processing Device," by Guru Pangal, Michael Schmitz, Vinodh Ravindran, and Ed McClanahan; and 10/_____,/695,422, entitled "Apparatus and Method for Mirroring in a Storage Processing Device," by Vinodh Ravindran, Ed McClanahan, and Venkat Rangan, all filed concurrently herewith and hereby incorporated by reference.